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## Grammarly Corrects Writing Without Gating Writing Skill

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Grammarly provides real-time grammar correction, style suggestions, tone detection, and AI-assisted text generation across every platform where people write. The tool catches errors, suggests improvements, and can generate entire passages. Grammarly makes every piece of writing better in the moment. But correcting errors automatically does not develop the writer's skill. A user who accepts Grammarly's comma placement corrections for two years has not necessarily learned comma rules. They have had comma rules applied for them. Skill gating provides the alternative: progressive capability unlocking where assistance level is governed by demonstrated competence, building writing skill rather than maintaining correction dependency.

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**What Grammarly built**

Grammarly's platform processes billions of text samples daily, providing corrections for grammar, spelling, punctuation, style, and tone. The AI engine detects errors with high accuracy across multiple English dialects. Beyond correction, Grammarly offers rewriting suggestions, tone adjustments, and full text generation through GrammarlyGO. The product is embedded in browsers, email clients, document editors, and mobile keyboards, making it ubiquitous in digital writing contexts.

The correction model treats every writing session independently. The system detects errors in the current text and suggests fixes. It does not maintain a persistent model of the user's writing competence that evolves over time or governs the level of assistance provided. A user who has made the same subject-verb agreement error for three years receives the same correction each time.

## The gap between correction and skill development

Automatic correction optimizes for output quality. Skill development optimizes for the writer's capability. These objectives diverge. A correction system that silently fixes every error produces clean text while the writer's underlying skill remains unchanged. A skill development system would detect that the writer consistently makes subject-verb agreement errors, provide targeted instruction, require demonstration of the skill, and only then reduce the correction level for that skill.

The dependency dynamic is structural. Every correction that Grammarly applies automatically is a learning opportunity the writer does not engage with. Over years of use, the writer's text improves because the tool improves. The writer's intrinsic capability may not change at all. Removing Grammarly from the workflow would reveal writing quality that has not progressed despite thousands of hours of tool-assisted writing.

## What skill gating provides

The skill gating model transforms writing assistance from automatic correction to governed progression. For each writing skill, the system maintains a competence level. At low competence, full correction is provided with explanation. As the writer demonstrates the skill independently, the assistance level decreases. At high competence, the system only flags unusual cases, trusting the writer's demonstrated capability for routine applications.

Evidence-based gates validate that the writer can apply the skill independently before reducing assistance. The writer must produce text that correctly applies the rule without prompting. Regression detection identifies when previously demonstrated skills degrade, re-introducing assistance for skills that have weakened. The structural starvation mechanism ensures that continued assistance is not available for skills the writer should have mastered, providing the productive friction that drives skill development.

## The structural requirement

Grammarly makes writing better in the moment. The structural gap is the absence of governed skill progression that makes the writer better over time. Skill gating as a computational primitive transforms writing correction into writing development. The assistance platform that gates capability does not merely fix errors. It tracks the writer's competence across skills, provides appropriate assistance for the current level, and progressively reduces assistance as demonstrated capability increases.

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The model proposes. The agent decides.

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